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JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Have the Government received any reference from the Collector of North Arcot that permit-holders of ammonium sulphate do not supply it to that district and that it is being sold in the blackmarket? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I suggest that a separate question may be put."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will not the withdrawal of this concession seriously affect the Government's programme to grow more food and attain self-sufficiency in two years? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It affects the programme no doubt, to some extent. The other day, Mr. R. K. Patil, the Food Commissioner of the Government of India, suggested that we should not depend solely on the supply of manure but that we must rely more on minor irrigation works."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know, Sir, what is the total commitment for both Madras and the Central Governments, if the concession was not withdrawn."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The net cost of the scheme will be Rs. 84 and odd lakhs."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" In case this concession is withdrawn, the cost of production will go up and will the Government in that connexion, consider this and not reduce the price of paddy? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The price of paddy is another question and it does not arise out of this question."

Appointment of Women Police.

* 41 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether the Government are considering the appointment of Women Police in accordance with the scheme submitted by the Post-War Reconstruction Committee?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" The question of employing women police has been very carefully considered and Government have decided that the proposal should be deferred for the present."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" May I know, Sir, why the proposal has been deferred for the present; I hope it is not final? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Confidential reasons."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" If the Government cannot appoint women police, may I ask them if they will at least appoint half a dozen more women patrollers—I do not know if the Government are aware of it—to check immoral traffic which is on the increase in the City? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The question of women police involves a lot of considerations, financial and otherwise. Although the Government quite appreciate the need of women police in this Province, it has been deferred for the

present. As regards women patrollers, we have already appointed one and the question of increasing the number will be considered in due course."

Mrs. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" May I know, Sir, when the increase will take place; we have been working quite a long time with one and one or two more would be very useful?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Again, the question of work of the patrollers has got to be considered, how far it had been effective and whether it had served its purpose. Now that there is already one woman patroller doing the work, we have to see by how many we could increase that number and with what effect; this is the consideration which the Government have kept in view."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" May I take it, Sir, that there are sufficient number of strong and sturdy and otherwise qualified women for these jobs in the Province?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The question of weakness of women never came up before Government. There are strong women as we have among men."

Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know, Sir, besides finance, what are the other considerations that have made them defer this question for the present?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There are certainly more considerations than the question of finance."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask, Sir, if the public are justified in thinking that those on the Treasury Benches have a very conservative outlook where the employment of women arises?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Certainly not, Sir."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Then, may I know, Sir, why even in the National Cadet Corps, they have not created a Girls Division?"

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" That is a different question."

Mrs. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that we have had only one woman patroller for several years and why do the Government take such a long time to decide on the need for another woman patroller? Is it not very imperative that we should have a few more women patrollers and if the finances of the province do not permit it, cannot we at least replace some men police by women police?"

The Hon. Dr. .T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Patrollers are quite different from policemen and they are employed for quite a different purpose, which more or less pertains to the field of women whereas police service is something very different."

Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know, Sir, if the Government will see their way to appoint a few voluntary patrollers?"

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That is a question which has to be considered afterwards; there is the question in that case of the difficulty of managing voluntary workers."

Opening of special hospitals for incurables and for children's diseases.

* 42 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government are contemplating opening of special hospitals for incurables and whether the Government have an intention of opening a hospital specially for children's diseases?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government have considered the question of constructing a house for chronic and incurable cases and have dropped it on account of financial stringency. They are now considering instead the question of rendering financial aid to the Indian Red Cross Society for the starting and maintenance of a hospital for incurables on the foreshore of the Cholavaram lake, to which may be transferred chronic and incurables cases who come to the City State hospitals for treatment.

" In view of the financial position the Government have no intention of opening a hospital for children's diseases.

" I might also inform the hon. Member that there are hospitals for children in the City and they are all functioning very satisfactorily."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister, what happened to the request of the All-India Women's Conference for special hospitals to provide for the needs of women cancer patients? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That does not arise out of this question."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" They are incurables and the question is about incurables? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Treatment of patients suffering from cancer has been the subject matter of questions in the other House and in reply to a series of questions, I have replied that the Government have taken the question of cancer on hand and that they have formulated certain schemes."

Rehabilitation of displaced persons from the Tungabhadra Project area.

* 43 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what the decisions are of the Departmental conference recently held on the question of the rehabilitation of displaced persons from the Tungabhadra Project area? 11-15 a.m.